



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Hillcrest Middle
Sumter 2
Grades: 6-8
Principal: Robert Barth
Superintendent: Dr. J. Frank Baker
Board Chair: Mr. Larry Addison

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2009	Average	Average	TBD	TBD	Met	N/A
2008	Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2007	Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

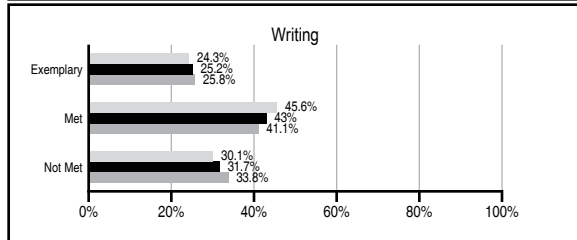
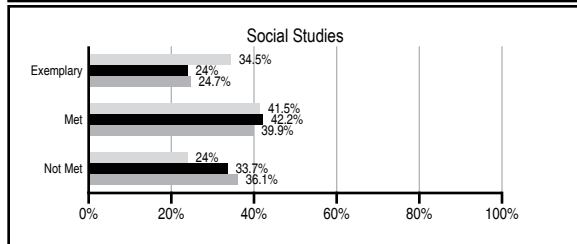
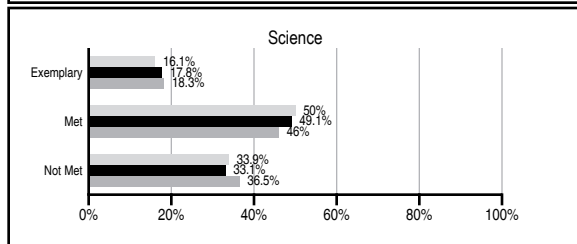
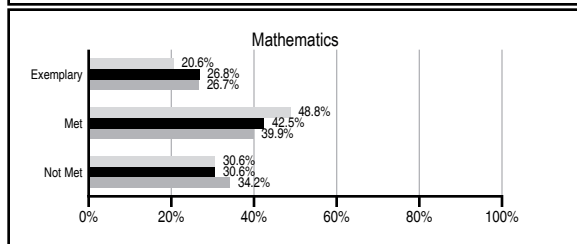
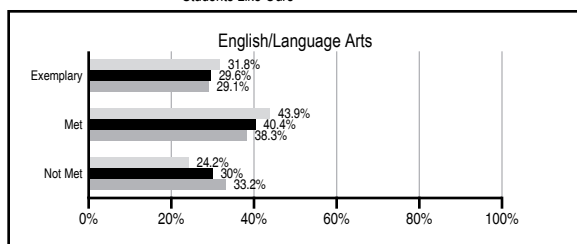
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	3	49	4	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 06/01/2010. Schools with Students Like Ours are Middle Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

PASS PERFORMANCE

Our School Middle Schools with Students Like Ours Middle schools statewide



NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

READING – GRADE 8 (2007)

South Carolina	31	44	23	2
Nation	27	43	27	2
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced				
	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced

MATH – GRADE 8 (2007)

South Carolina	29	39	24	7
Nation	30	39	24	7
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced				
	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced

SCIENCE – GRADE 8 (2005)

South Carolina	46	31	21	2
Nation	43	30	24	3
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced				
	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced

END OF COURSE TESTS - 2009

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our Middle School	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	90.9	96.6
English 1	97.8	94.3
Physical Science	N/A	76.5
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	94.4	95.9

SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Vision:

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n=377)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	50.2%	Down from 51.6%	22.1%	21.6%
Retention rate	1.3%	Up from 0.4%	1.3%	1.2%
Attendance rate	96.2%	Down from 96.7%	95.9%	95.9%
Eligible for gifted and talented	22.6%	Down from 23.3%	16.1%	14.8%
With disabilities other than speech	15.1%	Up from 14.2%	14.1%	12.6%
Older than usual for grade	1.6%	Down from 3.4%	2.5%	2.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.6%	0.6%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=23)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	60.9%	Down from 66.7%	56.2%	56.9%
Continuing contract teachers	52.2%	Down from 75.0%	76.6%	72.7%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	15.8%	Up from 13.6%	3.6%	5.3%
Teachers returning from previous year	75.4%	Down from 83.4%	85.2%	82.9%
Teacher attendance rate	96.1%	No Change	95.5%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$41,943	Down 0.9%	\$46,644	\$46,599
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	24.3%	Up from 11.2%	1.1%	2.4%
Professional development days/teacher	15.7 days	Down from 15.9 days	11.2 days	10.8 days
School				
Principal's years at school	5.0	Up from 4.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.7 to 1	Down from 23.1 to 1	21.1 to 1	20.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.3%	Down from 91.9%	89.8%	89.9%
Opportunities in the arts	Poor	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 99.7%	97.2%	97.8%
Character development program	Good	No Change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,694	Down 12.8%	\$7,387	\$7,645
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	55.2%	Down from 59.4%	63.2%	63.4%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	40.8%	Down from 56.4%	58.7%	57.0%
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%	Up from 78.9%	90.5%	90.5%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	23	105	33
Percent satisfied with learning environment	82.6%	60.0%	72.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	78.3%	65.4%	57.6%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	78.3%	77.7%	69.7%

*Only students at the highest middle school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

This has been an exceptional year at Hillcrest Middle School, a school with a safe, structured, and nurturing environment that encourages excellence. Hillcrest offers a challenging, relevant, standards-driven curriculum supported by a highly effective faculty and staff. Our mission statement drives all that we do: "Believing, achieving, and succeeding through academics, citizenship, and service." Our focus is to teach the whole student.

Student achievement was addressed through designing and implementing four courses focused on improving reading, math, science, and social studies skills. EdVantage Reading and EdVantage Math offered students opportunities to improve their skills through a plethora of novels for reading and hands-on math activities, allowing student application of concepts to real-world problems. EdVantage Science offered students opportunities to research areas of interest and apply all areas of the curriculum to their learning. Activities included working with robotics through the Lego League and conducting a variety of scientific investigations. EdVantage Social Studies allowed involvement in government as well as an introduction to economics. The Youth Leadership Initiative provided an introduction to current political processes. The Office of Economic Education introduced economics and the study of how money works, with students participating in the Stock Market Game and winning at the state level.

Maintaining and increasing teacher quality was addressed by providing professional development and training based on research-supported standards. Courses offered included Assessment in the Classroom, book studies, workshop participation, and summer institutes to keep abreast of the current trends.

School climate was improved through continuing our student service learning projects, with students actively participating within the school and community. Involvement included Math-A-Thon, recycling, Relay for Life, Pennies for Patients, canned food drives, and helping with our local senior citizen center.

Honors for our school community include four SC Junior Scholars and five students who won awards at the Region II Science and Engineering Fair, along with many other academic and related arts awards. We were awarded the Teacher Technology Grant from Hewlett Packard, and Hillcrest was named a Solar Energy School, one of six in the state, by Santee-Cooper and Black River Electric Cooperative. Both programs were implemented during the 2008-09 school year.

We are very proud of all the accomplishments of our students. Our belief is that education is a team effort with teachers, parents, and students working together to make our school a great place to learn and grow.

Robert Barth, Principal
Charles Geddings, School Improvement Council Chairman

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